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SUBJECT: EXBS-MIDDLE EAST REGION ADVISOR MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE  
JANUARY 2006

**I. SUMMARY.** New post EXBS representative to U.A.E. will arrive in country in February. EXBS Advisor participated in program consultations in Washington D.C. during this month. These consultations coordinated the current and future EXBS plans for the region. END SUMMARY.

**II. MIDDLE EAST REGION EXBS PROGRAM COUNTRIES (OMAN, U.A.E., YEMEN)**

**III. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST.** None.

**IV. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD.**

**A. SITE ASSESSMENTS, MEETINGS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD.**

**1.** On January 4-6, EXBS Advisor completed a program Consultation Visit to Washington D.C. to discuss country and regional plans with representatives of the EXBS interagency working group. The following is a summary of discussions and EXBS events:

**A. Wednesday January 4, 2006.**

**1. Meeting with EXBS Program Office (ISN/ECC, DoS):**

- (1) DoE with a Portal Monitor from their inventory will facilitate proposed passage of radiological portal monitor IAEA to Iraq. DoE will deliver to IAEA, and IAEA will be responsible to coordinate installation and maintenance with Iraqis.
- (2) NEA handling all Iraq funds via direct oversight/disbursement. EXBS proposed \$1 million for FY 06
- (3) EXBS/NADR funds being stripped out to meet other program needs, especially if countries are slow in using previously allocated funds.
- (4) Senior DoS delegation to visit UAE & Egypt early in 2006 EXBS will be on both agendas and a rep from ISN-ECC may accompany.
- (5) Development of EXBS program in Saudi Arabia is on hold due to issue of security for trainers.
- (6) Coordinate with relevant EmbAmman offices regarding possible upgrade to Jordan portal monitors. Cost is approximately \$ each for the typical CORE/SLD model. TSA monitors the installation. CORE/SLD generally maintains three months of mining. This upgrade is not as sensitive as the Russian "A" which has a central alarm capability and a unit cost of 50K specific models, dates of installation for passage to ISN-E MEGAPORTS/SLD. Coordinate with USG agencies regarding issue TSA vs. the Russian model.)
- (7) Tentative April timeframe for visit of MEGAPORTS & CORE/SLD. (EXBS Advisor will confirm proposed dates with Aqaba contacts. ISN-ECC will coordinate same dates with NNSA, DoE.)
- (8) Available equipment acquisition funds for Jordan will be split, most likely, between trucks & communications for self border units (Anti-Smuggling & Border Surveillance elements inspection tool kits and sensors (National and Aqaba Custom (ISN-ECC will research unit costs and forward recommendation to Advisor who in turn will coordinate with country team.)

**2. Meeting with Matthew S. Rosenstock, Jordan Desk Officer, DoS:**

- (1) Discussed general overview of EXBS.
- (2) Discussed general EXBS program plan for Jordan.

**3. Meeting with International Counterproliferation Branch, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, DoD (Major Carl Drake, Deputy Chief; Major Keith Falcetti, Program Manager & Ms. Kathleen Thompson, Program Analyst)**

- (1) Training Needs Assessment of Jordan pending (DTRA will send verbiage for invitation cable/invite. With DATT, EXBS Advisor will identify which agencies need training, etc.)
- (2) TNA team will produce an executive summary for dissemination to Post after meeting with local stakeholders to identify specific agency/ministry needs.
- (3) Policy Visit will follow and will require 2-3 days.
- (4) Some training can almost immediately begin, but most/all

equipment transfers happen after DTRA and Jordan execute a agreement (DTRA needs DAO/LEGATT to identify proper counter signatory authority for this agreement. DTRA will provide of agreement to Post via EXBS Advisor. NOTE: Typically, th DoD to MoD joint signatures.)

- (5) Usual timeline is Training Needs survey/policy visit - 90 days - WMD Agreement & Executive Summary - 30 Days - DTRA C 'White Paper' on country-specific program plan.
- (6) Courses can go quickly depending on desire of Jordanian officials and their willingness to impact real-world operat (several of the courses are structured around have repeat participants.)
- (7) Non-Jordanian but related issue: DTRA would like to hav EXBS Advisor and DATT to explore possibility of bringing 10 Pakistani MoD officials to Jordan to receive Radiation Dete training. Perhaps the Cooperative Monitoring Center-Amman be a viable facility to support this training if the Jordan are amenable to hosting the course.

14. Meeting with Financial Management Team (ISN/ECC @ State):

- (1) FMT will forward new draft PS Contract to Advisor for his review.
- (2) New PS contract period/ICASS allotment will fund FSN assistant position.
- (3) Program office may replace EXBS leased vehicle with purchase.
- (4) Review of general accounts, obligated but unspent and unobligated funds for each regional state program.

1B. Thursday January 5, 2006.

11. Meeting with EXBS Program Office (ISN/ECC, DoS):  
Continuation of topics discussed 4 Jan 06.

12. Meeting with U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Coast Guard (Clare Wilson-Beam-International Nonproliferation Programs Manager):

- (1) Advisor will meet with CO Jordanian Navy to discuss:
  - a. USCG mobile training courses.
  - b. Line of debarkation physical & authority between Nav Aqaba port security
  - c. Use/need for coastal radars
- (2) TENTATIVE: First of June 2006 - Port Physical Security/Po Vulnerability Course. (NOTE: This course will train Jorda naval personnel to perform their own vulnerability assessme p.14 USCG MT catalogue.)

13. Meeting with U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Customs and Border Protection (Bill Lawrence, EXBS Program Manager):

- (1) TENTATIVE Dates for Training & Equipment: (BL & ISN-ECC w workup event costs and coordinate schedules of training per and then confirm with Advisor.)
  - a. Non-intrusive Inspection Training - End of June 2006 &/or Amman's Custom House, participants: Customs, GID, and
  - b. Computer Data Analysis (6-8 laptops delivered with c End of July 2006, participants: Customs, GID, and PSD.
  - c. Subsequent to signing of WMD agreement and commitmen PSD, GID, Customs their personnel will wear, 100+ PRDs and basic inspection tool kits for each Jordanian port of entry ((Spring 2006))
  - d. Overseas Enforcement Training (3) iterations in any Jaber, Aqaba, King or Sheikh Hussein) - April 2006, partici Customs, GID, PSD (24 students in each course.)
  - e. Exchange to US to study integrated CBP operations (p DC/Baltimore or Charleston) - September 2006, 8 participant Customs, GID, PSD, JAF, and Min. Transport.
- (2) OMAN tentative dates for training: ISIT @ Charleston, SC November or December 2006.
- (3) YEMEN tentative dates for training: IBIT @ McCallen, TX - TBD.
- (4) REGIONAL TENTATIVE Dates for Training:
  - a. Combined CBP/ICE Enforcement Workshop - Fall 2006 (S Dubai or Aqaba.) (Advisor will coordinate with Shadi Al-Ma to see if Aqaba can host this event.) This is a 4-5 day sc driven training exercise, which also covers Command Center Operations and operational interface of law enforcement and licensing professionals.
  - b. Advisor to coordinate with EmbAmman Front Office reg CSI. If there is interest in having Jordan considered for program despite the low volume of direct shipments, a front channel cable to CBP would initiate the process.

14. Meeting with U.S. Department of Commerce/Bureau of Industry and Security/Office for International Programs (Ted Curtin, Senior Export Policy Analyst) - Cancelled, issues to be handle via teleconference Jan/Feb 2006.

15. Meeting with U.S. Department of Homeland

Security/Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Bill Puff):  
Confirmed concept of joint regional training with CBP as noted  
above. ICE and CBP will jointly develop a course outline and  
forward to ISN-ECC and Advisor for review.

16. Meeting with U.S. Department of Energy, MEGAPORTS program  
for International Programs (William Kilmartin, MEGAPORT Program  
Manager and Megan Dieter, Program Lead - Jordan) - Cancelled,  
issues to be handle via teleconference Jan/Feb 2006.

1C. Friday January 6, 2006.

Site Visit to the National Targeting Center, U.S. Department of  
Homeland Security/Customs and Border Protection, Reston, VA.  
(Note: the day spent here was extremely valuable and should be a  
tour participated in by future Jordanian EXBS delegations - - the  
operationally integrated design of the center and the hourly  
interplay of various DHS agencies is a model worth showing to the  
Jordanians.

12. On January 10-26, Regional Advisor assisted ISN/ECC-DoS, EXBS  
Interagency Group Members and their contractors to update the  
interagency EXBS event schedule for the Middle East Region. ISN-  
ECC expects to disseminate an updated schedule in February 2006.

13. The new post EXBS representative to U.A.E. will arrive in Abu  
Dhabi in February 2006.

1B. TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

1. EXBS: None.  
2. OTHER: None.

1C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

None.

1D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE.

1. EXBS: None.  
2. OTHER: None.  
E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION,  
OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY.

None.

1F. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES/EVENTS.

None.

1G. PRIMARY EXBS OBJECTIVES FOR COMING MONTH.

1. Continue coordination for country-specific training &  
procurement for Region.  
2. Begin coordination post completion of the Omani and Yemeni  
EXBS: Control System Standards Questionnaire - 2006.  
H. STATUS OF LAST MONTH'S PRIMARY EXBS OBJECTIVES.  
1. ISN-ECC should release updated EXBS training schedule in  
February.  
2. Awaiting receipt of Omani and Yemeni EXBS: Control System  
Standards Questionnaire - 2006.

1V. RED FLAG ISSUES.

None.

VI. Any questions or comments can be directed to Joseph C.  
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